

11.24.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to thank you in advance for helping everyone safely participate in the holiday festivities. As you know, we now permit all visitors to enter the building—even in the event we may confirm positive COVID-19 cases. There are steps you can take during your visits to help our community members stay safe and healthy.

Please suspend your visit if you feel unwell. In addition, we ask that you wear face masks at all times while in our community, practice social distancing as much as possible, use available alcohol-based hand rub, and limit your movements throughout our community to loved ones' rooms. Also, please call us any time if we can help answer questions related to visitation at 715-720-6775.

COVID -19 Update:

We are happy that no additional COVID-19 cases have been identified since our last update. One team member recovered recently. This means we currently have one active COVID-19 positive team member and no positive members.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	1 (One employee)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	80 (twenty-five members, fifty-two employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	77 (twenty-two members, fifty-two employees, three contracted individuals)

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities; and

- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

We are diligently working towards full vaccination among all members of our team to ensure we adhere to the federal guidelines issued earlier this month. As a reminder, all our team members and appropriate partners will be fully vaccinated by January 4, 2022. If you have questions about this, please contact us.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan M. Corcoran', with a stylized, cursive script.

Megan M. Corcoran, NHA | Administrator
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